

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In a timely Response to a Restriction Requirement, Applicant withdrew claims 1-4, renumbered claim 5 as claim 1, and added new claims 2-13. In this paper, all claims are returned to the original numbering order 1 through 17.

Listing of Claims:

Original Claims 1-4 (Withdrawn) and remaining claims re-numbered as 1-13.

Claim 1 (currently amended) A multi-mode hand covering for a person, comprising:
an elongate tubular portion having an inner space, a hand insertion end into which a
person's hand may be inserted and a forward terminal end;
an opening in said terminal end through which said person's hand may be passed;
a palm side of said tube corresponding to a palm of said inserted hand;
a back side of said tube corresponding to a back side of said inserted hand;
a thumb enclosure extending outwardly from the palm side and communicating with said
inner space for enclosing said person's thumb; and
an exterior [a] pocket extending generally from said terminal end to a pocket opening
generally spanning said palm side proximate said thumb enclosure;
wherein said pocket is operable between a palm position wherein said terminal end
opening is open to the atmosphere for passage of said person's hand therethrough
for exposure thereof, and a back position covering said
terminal end opening whereby said hand is fully covered.

Claim 2 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim
5, wherein said hand covering is convertible from a hand exposure mode to a hand covered
mode by inverting said pocket.

Claim 3 (currently amended) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, wherein said thumb enclosure is configured to projectingly hold said person's thumb without inverting said pocket to a hand covered mode, whereby said thumb enclosure limits general exposure to said person's fingertips [while covering] wherein said upper hand portions and upper finger portions are covered .

Claim 4 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, wherein said thumb enclosure is foldable within said pocket when not in use.

Claim 5 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, further comprising a thumb hole through said hand covering at an intermediate location whereby said person's thumb is exposable independently of said fingers.

Claim 6 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, wherein said hand insertion end comprises a wrist opening of one of a glove and mitten.

Claim 7 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 10, wherein said wrist opening has folded panel ends and further comprising a cinch cord generally contained within said folded panel ends.

Claim 8 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, wherein said palm side and back side are configured to form finger portions for separately enclosing each said finger.

Claim 9 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, wherein said palm side and back side are configured to form at least one finger portion for enclosing at least two fingers.

Claim 10 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, wherein said hand covering comprises panels of a shell type material enclosing panels of insulative fleece type material.

Claim 11 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 14, wherein said shell type material comprises a GORTEX® fabric.

Claim 12 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, wherein said hand insertion end comprises an arm of an upper body garment.

Claim 13 (previously presented) A multi-mode hand covering in accordance with claim 5, wherein said hand insertion end comprises a garment arm which is selectively detachable and attachable to an upper body garment.